

Our Response To Christ Prophecies (Mark 13:28-37)

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History is filled with strange and often times deadly reactions to interpretations of Prophecy. Some after some speeping in Bible study, have gone to high mountains dressed in white to await in vein for a coming Jesus. Some have hidden in caves. Some have even taken their own lives in some strong attempt to prepare them selves for the end of the age. Now I will admit some passages as can be read in Mark 13, messecitate a response. But what kind of response. Well in the closing verses of this prophetic chapter, Jesus tells us exactly

I. Learn from the Signs of His Prophecies.

Jesus has given them a truck load to chew on. What are they to do with it? Learn from it. Daddy told me to be nallal can.

A. The Symbol of Signs - A Fig tree was very common sight. It is often associated with chreal as a nation. Read in Ch 11? Fig tree no fruit, cleansed temple.

Most trees in the area were evergreen. No detectable change between seasons, not so with Fig tree. The bright green blossoms on the fig tree meant summer is near. Jesus is saying look at the things

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crucifixion, the time is getting close.

B. The Signal of Signs - The signs coming to pass are a signal of something. VS 2A "know that it is near" what it? Context is the coming of the Son of Man, The second coming of Christ. The signs should signal the triumphant People that at any moment he could walk thru the celestial door of heaven and invade this world. Like hearing footsteps in the hall from behind the closed door.

II. Learn on the Sureness of His Prophecies

The following verses are powerful words of certainty. And in such uncertain time provide

A. Stock Sureness - This is a verse that often causes questions. What does he mean by generation, 30 years. No. Because all these things didn't come to pass. The word according to context can mean a time period of approx 30 or 40 years or a people in general. It is used here to refer to the stock of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob.

B. Scriptural Sureness - Jesus is quoting Jos 40:8. Notice that Jesus is placing his word on the same level as the very word of Almighty God. Did Jesus claim to be God? Sure does! Think of all the great accomplishments of man and nations all ended by time. But the Word of God shall ^{not pass}.

C. Sovereign Sureness - Another in which verse. Is Jesus less than God? No. Shows

1) ...exactly what our reaction is to be. Proposition: Every Christian can respond properly to the dramatic prophecies of Jesus by following the four commands Jesus give us in Mark 13:28-37

2) ...behind the closed bedroom door means that someone is about to come in, so the perilous events of Jesus prophecies indicated his fast approaching entrance in to the world!

3) ...provide a strong hold to lean on.

4) Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

1) ...our reaction is to labor and be busy about the father's business.

2) 1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

3) ...inspection. "I spilt shined everything I could get my hands on and ironed everything that would lie still!

as the inner workings of the Trinity. In
Salvation, scriptures indicate God devised
the plan, Jesus enacted the plan, H.S. applies
the plan. Old Preacher - God wrought it, Jesus
brought it, H.S. taught it, and I God it. So it is
with the events of end times, surely in the hands of God.

III. Labor in the Shadow of His Presence

Have important this parallel is. So as to keep us
from departing from Lahore to mailing. On Racha

A. An Individual Laborer - Represents the picture of a Master over slaves. He commands them to a job, a labor to perform for to his return. In like manner the Lord has given all of us a labor individual responsibility to be about, 1 Cor 15:58. He has gifted us all to labor in his body.

B. Can Instructed Labor - Laboring for the Lord is not an option, You didn't get to check "Laboring Christian or Leasing Christian" when you came into Gods family. We are all commanded to participate. Don't just stand there do something. Like that or feltta getting ready for military inspection (3)

C. Can Intense Labor - Don't let up
and relax as you see the end coming.
We used to have to run timed miles for
Basketball. Each time you had to get faster.
But when you knew you were going to
make it, we would tend to coast the half
way. Don't! Don't slow down don't

held men ~~rest~~ the summer and he came again.
IV. Look for the Substance of His Prophecies
The most important of his commands
in this passage is to Look! To
Look! But look for what? Take
heed for what? Watch for what?
Pray for what? What is the substance
for our search? The Lord Jesus
Christ. The King is coming! Matt 25:31
Acts 1:11, 1 Thes 4:16, 2 Thes 1:7-
10, Revelation 1:7. Jesus is coming
Therefore church, let us as Rev 13:11-15
Old Black Spiritual: There a King
and a captain high, and he's coming
by and by, and Hell find me hoeing
cotten when he comes. There's a man
they thrust aside who was tortured till
he died, and Hell find me hoeing cotten when
he comes. When he comes when he comes Hell
be crowned by saints and angels when
he comes, They'll be shoutin out ho-
sannas to the man that they denied
and I'll kneel down in my cotten when
he comes.

V. Close The end of the age should
not cause us to retreat in the same cause
and hold our breath, but to boldly
march forward in his truth warning
others along the way.

1) **Matthew 25:31** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: **Acts 1:11** Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. **1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **2 Thessalonians 1:7-10** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. **Revelation 1:7** Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

2) **Romans 13:11-12** And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.